Utah Transit Authority Governance Update

Utah State Legislature: Transportation Interim Committee

Carlton Christensen – Chair, Board of Trustees
Jeff Acerson – Chair, Advisory Council

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State and Legislative Priorities

MILESTONES ACHIEVED:

- Implementing new UTA governance model (ongoing)
 - New governing bylaws and Board policies
 - Consultation with Local Advisory Council
- Restructured organization and set compensation framework
 - Amended employee 457 plan
- Transitioned legal representation to the Office of the Attorney General
- Refining agency budgeting process (ongoing)
 - Revised monitoring and management policies
- Delivered report to State Bonding Commission
- Launched employee ethics hotline

UPCOMING PRIORITIES:

- Finalize URS and UDOT studies
- Activate Coordinated Mobility Study



Local Priorities

MILESTONES ACHIEVED:

- Interlocal agreements
 - Salt Lake City sponsored service
 - Utah County service level agreement
- Community initiatives
 - Ogden/Weber State University BRT, Vineyard FrontRunner Station, Salt Lake/Davis Connector, Mid-Valley Connector, Tooele service, Point of the Mountain Alternatives Analysis, SL County 4th quarter plan
 - Extensive Board outreach to stakeholders
- Transit-oriented development (TOD) 3 sites selected
 - Utilized TOD system analysis tool

UPCOMING PRIORITIES:

Vision for future of FrontRunner



Public Priorities

MILESTONES ACHIEVED:

- Completed Service Choices Study
- Launched new marketing campaign

UPCOMING PRIORITIES:

- Develop Mobility Service Plan
- Establish new fares policy



Employee Relations Priorities

MILESTONES ACHIEVED:

- Recruiting new Executive Director (nearly complete)
- Aligned 2019 executive team performance goals with Board priorities
- State of good repair (ongoing)
 - TRAX light rail car overhaul
 - Main Street rail replacement

UPCOMING PRIORITIES:

Negotiation of new collective bargaining agreement



Local Advisory Council

Chair: Jeff Acerson – Mayor, Lindon (Utah County COG)

Vice-Chair: Troy Walker – Mayor, Draper (Salt Lake County COG)

2nd Vice-Chair: Karen Cronin (Tooele & Box Elder COGs)

Members:

- Erik Craythorne Mayor, West Point (Davis COG)
- Leonard Call Mayor, Pleasant View (Weber COG)
- Robert Hale Mayor, Midvale (Salt Lake County COG)
- Clint Smith Councilmember, Herriman (Salt Lake County COG)
- Jacqueline Biskupski Mayor, Salt Lake City (Salt Lake City)
- Julie Fullmer Mayor, Vineyard (Utah County COG)



Local Advisory Council

GETTING STARTED:

- Elected council officers
- 2019 meetings: 4 meetings conducted + 3 upcoming meetings planned

MILESTONES ACHIEVED:

- Recommended Board policies for approval of TOD plans, capital project plans and service plans
- Recommended approval of 7 TOD station area plans
- Participation of Council Chair and Vice-chair in bi-monthly Audit Committee meetings
- Reviewed and consulted on:
 - Bylaws and Board policies
 - Coordinated mobility plan
 - System safety and security
 - Capital projects: Mid-Valley Connector and Point of the Mountain study

UPCOMING PRIORITIES:

- 2020 budget consultation
 - September: 5-year capital plan
 - November: 2020 tentative budget
- Approval of UTA service plan

